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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
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CAM 12/11/85
Mr. Craig Moorehead
Captain, Ordnance Corps
Department of the Army
SMSCNE-EN
Newport Army Ammunition Plant
P.O. Box 121
Newport, Indiana 47966-0121

Re: Plugging and Abandonment of NAAP Disposal Well Number 1

Dear Captain Moorehead:

In accordance with 40 CFR §146.10, I have reviewed all documentation concerning the plugging and abandonment of your above referenced Class I-W well. I have determined that the plugging and abandonment procedures as represented on your final EPA 7520-14 form are in compliance with the regulations of the Underground Injection Control Program, which is authorized under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974.

I have also determined that the amounts of cement and any and all casing left as a result of the plugging and abandonment are sufficient to protect the underground sources of drinking water. However, this does not relieve Newport Army Ammunition of any liability should an endangerment to the underground sources of drinking water occur due to some defect in quantities, methods, or quality of materials during plugging and abandonment. Newport Army Ammunition Plant may still be held liable for such endangerment under penalties provided in the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The plugging and abandonment of this well results from an extensive permit review conducted by the USEPA which involved a careful and thorough examination of the available data and discussions with NAAP representatives. The decision that was reached to plug and abandon this well represents a joint agreement reached by both parties and will thus be reflected in EPA records as negative permit decision for the existing well.

Any further questions or correspondence concerning the plugging and abandonment of this well, should be addressed to Gregory L. Parker, Chief, UIC Section, 230 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Sutfin
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Director, Water Division